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Hello fellow Sigma Gamma Epsilon members!

I write as a new semester unfolds at my university. Summer is still here but there is a slight briskness to the air that foretells the coming Fall. Students are eager to see what their new classes hold for them and are ready to start the next year in their academic journey. I hope all of you are enjoying your new terms as well.

The GSA Conference is fast approaching, and we are proud to be sponsoring our SGE poster session yet again. We have 58 abstracts this year, a robust representation of research ranging from Paleontology to GIS investigations and submitted by students from across the nation. We are tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, with authors having their posters up in the morning and standing at their stations in the afternoon for discussions as well as judging to see who will be the next recipients of our awards. Whether or not you are presenting, I hope to see you there or at the Sigma Gamma Epsilon Booth.

Initial plans are being made for the next Biennial Convention, which will be hosted by the Eta Alpha chapter at the University of Tennessee at Martin in Spring, 2020. Your participation and attendance will make it a rewarding experience; please consider making plans to be there.

I encourage all chapters to consider their activities as they plan their years and be eligible to earn an Outstanding Chapter Award or a Service Chapter Award at the end of the academic year. The details on what is needed to be eligible are available on the SGE website. Additionally, your research should be published and one of the first journals you should consider is The Compass. Dr. Larry Davis does an outstanding job as Editor-in-Chief, but he needs your submissions in order to create this quality publication. The Compass is available on the SGE home page <http://www.sgeearth.org> or directly at <http://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/compass>.

Last but not least, if you have any questions about chapter standing, dues, deadlines and the like, please contact Paula Even at the National Office ([even@sgeearth.org](mailto:even@sgeearth.org)).

I hope you have a great semester!

Cheers,